



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1795

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For: COATING LIQUID FOR FORMING ELECTRODE, ELECTRODE,  
ELECTROCHEMICAL DEVICE, AND MANUFACTURING METHODS THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

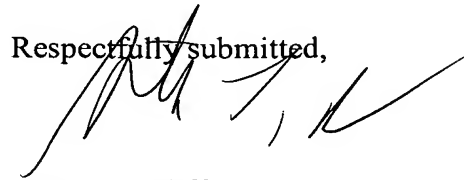
In reply to the January 7, 2009 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement,  
Applicants provisionally elect Group III, claims 12-21; and Species 2, claims 12, 13 and 18-  
21, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims and species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims and species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims and species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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